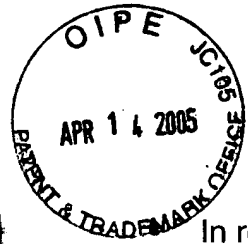


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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Brian L. Hinman et al.

Application No.: 09/884,659

Filed: June 19, 2001

For: DIFFERENTIALLY-DRIVEN LOOP  
EXTENDER

Examiner: Williams, Lawrence B.

Art Group: 2634

Confirmation No.: 4480

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response. Remarks begin on page 14 of this response.

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

**PATENT**

Application No.: 09/884,659  
Filing Date: June 19, 2001  
First Named Inventor: Brian L. Hinman  
Examiner's Name: Williams, Lawrence B.  
Art Unit: 2634  
Attorney Docket No.: 6491P033

- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
- ☒ Charge any fee not covered by any check submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, for any concurrent or future reply to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

**ATTACHMENTS**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
- ☐ Amendment/Response After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) (reminder: consider filing a Notice of Appeal)
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ RCE (Request for Continued Examination)
- ☐ Supplemental Declaration
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer (reminder: if executed by an attorney, the attorney must be properly of record)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☐ Copies of IDS citations
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Document (that includes a fee calculation based on the type and number of claims)
- ☐ Cross-Reference to Related Application(s)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Check(s)
- ☒ Postcard (Return Receipt)

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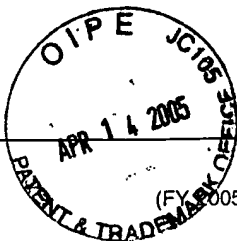
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 0

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

### METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☒ None

☐ Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number : 02-2666

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☒ The Director is Authorized to do the following with respect to the above-identified Deposit Account:

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below.

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1A. BASIC FILING FEE/SEARCH FEE/EXAMINATION FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description		Fee Paid
Code	Fee (\$)	Code	Fee (\$)			
1011	300	2011	150	Utility application filing fee	} 1,000/500*	<u>\$300.00</u>
1111	500	2111	250	Utility search fee		<u>\$500.00</u>
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1013	200	2013	100	Plant filing fee	} 660/330*	_____
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1313	160	2313	80	Plant examination fee		_____
1004	300	2004	150	Reissue filing fee	} 1,400/700*	_____
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1314	600	2314	300	Reissue examination fee		_____
1005	200	2005	100	Provisional application filing fee		_____

SUBTOTAL (1) \$ 0

\* List the filing, search, and examination fees separately, but pay concurrently.

# 1B. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

		<u>Extra Sheets</u>		<u>Fee from</u>	<u>Fee paid</u>
				<u>below</u>	
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1082	250	2082	125	Design application size fee for each additional group of 50 sheets beyond initial 100 sheets (count spec & drawings except sequences & program listings)
1083	250	2083	125	Plant application size fee for each additional group of 50 sheets beyond initial 100 sheets (count spec & drawings except sequences & program listings)
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		<u>Extra Claims</u>		<u>Fee from</u>	<u>Fee Paid</u>
				<u>below</u>	
Total Claims	<u>22</u>	- 30** =	_____	X	<u>\$50.00</u> = _____
Independent Claims	<u>7</u>	- 11** =	_____	X	<u>\$200.00</u> = _____
Multiple Dependent					_____ = _____

\*\*Or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below.

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1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	200	2204	100	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	50	2205	25	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	_____
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	_____
1813	8,800	1813	8,800	Request for inter parties reexamination	_____
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	_____
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	_____
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	_____
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	_____
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	_____
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	_____
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	_____
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	_____
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1809	790	2809	395	For filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a))	_____
1814	130	2814	65	Statutory Disclaimer	_____
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